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June 27, 1945

MARKET NEWS AND GRADING DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. GX-45

To:

Officers in Charge

From:

R. D. Conklin, Administrative Officer, Livestock and Meats Branch

Subject:

Responsibility for Meat Grading Equipment.

During the past year there has been reported the theft of several meat grading cases, chassis and roller bands and it has developed that in some cases extreme caution had not been used to protect this property. We desire to impress upon you the need for exercising all possible precaution to safeguard this type of equipment. Under no circumstances should any grading equipment be left out of sight. When not in use it should be locked in suitable quarters.

Meat grading equipment is maintained on inventory records of the OMS and is charged to the person who has been designated as "Officer in Charge" of that particular station. Where it is necessary to issue such equipment to individual graders a receipt should be required to cover the entire assignment.

Effective on and after July 1, 1945 graders will be charged for the loss of equipment as listed below, unless it is definitely and satisfactorily established that utmost precautions were exercised to protect the property:

Chassis...\$75.00 Rollers...\$2.50 Veterans Stamp...\$2.50

In making reports on lost or stolen equipment to the Administrative Services Division of your Area, it will be necessary to indicate thereon the number assigned to such case or chassis and a complete description of rollers involved by class, grade, type of inspection and graders' identification letters.



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